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In re Application of: Joseph A. HERMAN *et al.*

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIRTUAL SEALED-BID COMPETITIONS
HELD OVER A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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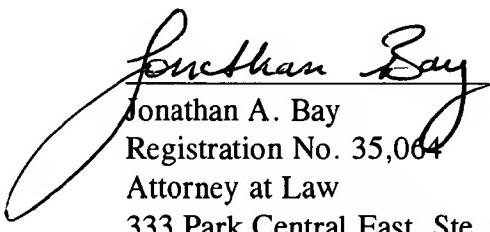
Sir:

Submitted herewith is the above-identified application of Joseph A. HERMAN, Darren C. HENDERSON, & Erick L. BURGESS. The application is complete but lacks a signed declaration. Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Missing Parts (filing date accorded) indicating the application number and filing date be forwarded to the undersigned, whereupon a signed declaration and the surcharge due under 37 CFR 1.16 will be filed.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIRTUAL SEALED-BID COMPETITIONS HELD OVER A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**, the specification of which

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was filed on _____ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number _____, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all known information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a) -(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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